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1. LET ME SHARE SOME CONCERNS WITH YOU ABOUT THE AMERICAN
PRESENCE IN NEW DELHI.

2. WE USED TO BE TREMENDOUS; THE 1971 CRISIS ENDED
ALL THAT AND TO GOOD EFFECT. OUR PRESENT POLICIES
REQUIRE THAT WE KEEP OUR PROFILE LOW. AS FAR AS
ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED, YOU
PEOPLE BACK THERE ARE BEING VERY HELPFUL NOT ONLY IN
KEEPING THE PRESENCE DOWN, BUT LOWERING IT EVEN MORE.

3. BUT IN REGARD TO TECHNICAL AND REGIONAL JOBS, OUR
NUMBERS SEEM TO BE GOING UP. FROM THE STANDPOINT
OF OUR POLICIES HERE, THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. OF
COURSE, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF OUR RUPEE AVAILABILITY
IT PROBABLY DOES. WE SHOULD REACH A COMPROMISE BETWEEN
THESE TWO WHICH STOPS THE GROWTH.

4. YOU HAVE NOW ASKED US IN REFTEL TO ACCEPT A REGIONAL
TELEPHONE OFFICER. IN RECENT MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN FIVE
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NEW POSITIONS IN ATO, A SY TECHNICIAN, A SEABEE, ANOTHER

DEA AGENT, AND WE HAVE UST RECEIVED A REGIONAL FBO
CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR.

5. WE CAN BE REASONABLE ABOUT ALL OF THIS BUT WE WANT
YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE BARRIERS TO OUR BUILDING UP
OUR REGIONAL AND TECHNICAL STAFF, PARTICULARLY WHEN
OUR REGULAR STAFF IS STILL GOING DOWN. WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

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